In armis et literis consistit virtus.
Martis opus multos fecit clarescere mundo;
Pars major doctae Pallados arte viget.
Ast conjuncta placet Martis, tum Palladis aequa
Virtus; diligitur doctus utrumque DEO.
Jac: Ming: H. C.



~~Vbertre Hermannus~~ Georgius Ried-
esell in Eisenbach, ~~frater~~. Mense Janu-
arii anni ab Orbe redempto CIↃ IↃ XCIIV.



Obsequium amicos, Veritas odium parit

Joannes Hochmã Kirchaimensis, I.V.D. et Professor decretalium in Universitate Tubingensi, ordinariusque eiusdemque pro tempore Rector / 3. Feb. ao. 93.

1 Timoth. 4.

Pietas ad omnia utilis, promissio-
nes habens, praesentis et futurae
vitae

Jacobus Heerbrandus D.
praepositus Ecclesiae, et Can-
cellarius Universitatis
Tubingensis.

Joan. 8

Si vos manseritis in Sermone meo, vere discipuli mei estis; et Cognoscetis Veritatem; et Veritas liberos reddet vos.

Stephanus Gerlachius D.
Tubingae, 18 Febr. Ao 93.
Scrib.

Matth. 6.

Quærite primum Regnum Dei ac Justi-
tiam eius, & cætera adjicientur vobis.

Matthias Hafenreffer D.
Scripsi Tubingæ.
23. Febr. 93.

Job. 7.

Militia est Vita hominis & dies eius sicut dies mercenarij

Joannes Georgius Sigwart D.
pastor Tubingensis scripsi 23 Februarij
Anno 93.

Syracides cap 13.

Beatus qui non dat consilium malum quod ipsius monstrat conscientiam. beatus quem non vexat animus male sibi conscius, & qui conscientia recte factj non excidit.

Solon

Optima quaeque non iucundissima

Consilito.

Nicolaus Vaarnbulerg J. V. D. pater. Acad. Thubingensis 47 annis professor ord. iam emeritus. scribebat 4 kal. Mar. tij. anno Sal. 1593. aetatis suae aº 74.

Lucae XI.
Beati qui audiunt verbum Dei et custodiunt illud.

Andreas Laubmarius
V. I. D. et professor in
Academia Tubingensi.
24 februarij
M. D. XCIII.

Vera Justitia est, quae suum cuique
ita tribuit, ut non distrahatur
ab ullius iustiore reputatione

LK Ty

Matth: Entzlinger
scripsit Tubingae.
20. feb. Ao 93

Tota licet veteres exornent
undique cera
Atria: Nobilitas sola est atque
unica virtus.

Iohannes Halbritter I D
et professor in Academia
Tubingensi scripsi Anno
1593 26 febru.

Iustin. Imp.

Leges neq permittunt in paupertate vivere; neq in anxietate mori.

Iohannes Harpprecht V. I. Doctor, & Professor in Acad. Tubing. Ordinarius, memoriae causa scribebat, 21. Martij, Anno 93.

בְּפֹעַל כַּפָּיו נוֹקֵשׁ רָשָׁע׃

ܬܠܐ ܗܘ ܕܢܓܕܘܢܝ ܒܚܒܠܘܗܝ ܠܗܘܢ ܚܛܝ̈ܐ܆

ܘܚܝܐ ܗܘ ܐܢܫܐ ܚܛܝܐ ܠܢܦܫܗ܀

انما حصد الانسان ما يزرع .

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בְּעוֹבָדֵי יְדוֹי אִתְּקַל רַשִׁיעָא׃

Optimæ spei nobilissimis
adolescentibus ~~Volperto, Her-~~
~~manno~~ et Georgio Riedeselijs
in Eisenbach
etc: amoris et honoris ergò
scribebat hæc Georgius Weigenmeir
Hebr. linguæ in
Academia Tubingensi professor.
2 Maij Aº 93.

Veri nobilem minus
decet esse mobilem:
Quadratus sit, nec aliud
stans, aliud sedens.

Est aliquid pravos jactare & nobile
stemma
At Virtute decus majus habere potes.

Rodolphus Goclenius
Professor philosophiae:
Viro nobili absentes gratam
memoriae [illegible] Anno 95
adscripsi.

Nec temerè, nec timidè.

Andreas Osiander D.
Concionator in aula Illu-
strissimi Ducis Wirt: scrip-
sit Tubin. 11. Martij. Anno 93.

Hipp.

μηδὲν εἰκῇ, μηδὲν ὑπερορᾶν.

Georgius Hamberger, D.
professor, medicus Acad.
Tubingae 21 Martii
An.
1593.

Naturæ sunt morborũ Medicæ, Medicus autem est minister næ..

Andreas Planerus, Athesinus,
Medicinæ Doctor, Tubingæ,
Anno 1593.. Martio mense.

Ἄνθρωπος ἄνθος.

Fide Deo; diuina beat promissio: fallit
Spes hominum, quamuis splendida; fide Deo.

Daniel Mögling Tubingensis,
Med: Doct:, eiusdemq; Profess:
ord: Academiæ patriæ,
scripsi ibidem Ano 1593.
22 Martij.

Nūpr.

M. Georgius Lieblerus professor phisicus in Academia Tubingensi. scribebam 26to Aprilis Anno christi 1593

Psal. 31.

Ἐπὶ σοί, κύριε, ἤλπισα. μὴ καταισχυνθείην εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα :~

In te, Domine, speravi. Ne confundar in aeternum.

M. Martinus Crusius, utriusque L. professor in Acad. Tybing. Calend. Maij. 1593. natus 19. Septemb. 1526.

Ἔγω αυτζεάσ. λασπανζεοσ. εκφιχύ πο πο,
λεοσ. μαυηδοβυνασ: ύχαι εχθι, εγχ πο
λλύσ. αρχίεριτύνε: με τύν γύριύ. ύμον.
αυτόγυαι. καὶ βίζυτυς. ελεήμων. καὶ μας.
τύνιοσ. ύοσ. αδελφον. ύμαυιο. ύτορύκον.
του σοφοταί του. καὶ εβγύερε εαυτού.
κύρύου. καὶ διδασκάλου. θεολογου. ιω.
αυεσ. παπιουσ. καὶ εδοσεν ύμασ. καὶ ε
φάγαι μετ. άρτου. καὶ ύπύαι με ύγον. καὶ
ονηρόοσ. ύμον ύνσουν. χρύζοσ. πλλυζουνι:
τύν αυταιμύγύ. αφτού. την εκκυτον ται πλαι
σύον εσπατου ύμεγαι ύσβαυσύλλύαι. την
γζραικον: μύριυον, ύζαιου, 9 / τού μαιιου.
Αεζενοσ. λασπανρυε: 1593
Ετζώτζαι:

Beneplacitum est Domino super timentes eum, & in eis, qui sperant super misericordia eius.

M. Georg. Burckhardus Professor Tubing. 2 Maij Anno M.D.XCIII.

Ouid. 1. Fastorum.

Omne solum forti patria est; ut piscibus æquor,
Ut volucri vacuo quicquid in orbe subest.

M. Michael Mæstlin, Gæppingensis,
Mathematum in Tubingensi Academia
Professor, scribebat, die 2. Maij, Anno
Salutis humanæ, 1593.

Veritas odium parit

Johann Strommer V. I. D.
Et facultatis Iuridicae
in Academia Ienensi
Ordinarius A° 96.

Veritatis Oratio Simplex.

M. Erhardus Cellius,
Professor Poët. &
Histor. Tubingae
2. Maij. 95.

Βίας παρόντος οὐδὲν ἰσχύει λόγος.

Unde Cicero, Silent leges inter arma.

Henr. Steph. scribebat Argentorati, Anno 1593, Maij 7.

AD NOBILISS.os MAGNÆ EXPECTATIONIS & summi ingenii adulescentes, VOLPERTUM, GEORGIUM & HERMANNUM RIEDESELIOS in Eysenbach; virtutis & liberalium artium in Schola Argentinensi studiosiss.

HENDECASYLLAB.

Laus est magna, parentibus creatum
Esse nobilibus: Sed illa major,
Quae Musis venit à sacris profecta:
His si jam Pietas & alma virtus
Adsint, Nobilitas profectò talis
Perfectissima, maxima, absoluta
Dici jure poterit, meretiturque.
Quis de quattuor obtigit supremum
Vobis, ingenui ingenii puelli,
Abunde: in reliquis bonam locatis
Indefessi operam. Esse pergitote
Tales in studiis, Dei timore,
Et virtute: Superstitabit & tunc
Olim Nobilitate nemo vobis.

Amicae recordationis ergò Augustae
Trebocorum VII. Kalend. Junias
ann. Publ. Salutis CIↃ.IↃ. VIIC.
F. & L. M. P. Bernhardus
Praetorius Lespurgensis Cattus,
Poëta Laureatus, & L. C.

Chrysostomus.

Δεῖ πείθεσθαι τοῖς ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ λεγομένοις, οὐ περιεργάζεσθαι: κἂν τὸν λόγον αὐτῶν ἀγνοῶμεν.

Melchior Iunius Witebergensis, Argent: Acad: hoc tempore Rector
scribebat IV Cal. Feb. 1594.

Psalm. CXIX, 105.

Lucerna pedibus meis Verbum tuum: et lumen semitis meis.

Joh. Pappus D. commensalibus suis nobiliss. memoriae causa scribebat, Argentorati, 22. Febr. 1594.

Iob. 17. 14.

Post tenebras, spero lucem.

Philippus Marbachius D.
Argentinæ 4 Cal. Feb. 94.

Psalm. 31.

Ego in te speraui, Domine: dixi, Deus meus es tu: In manibus tuis sortes meæ.

Georgius Mylius D.
24 Martij. 1596.
Jenæ. s.

R[illegible] D. V. I. Jenæ [illegible] Mense Jan: scripsit: Ao 96.

Demosthenes ad Alexandrum

Non habes rex vel fortuna maius tua, quam ut velis servare plurimos. Nulla enim de virtutibus generosior misericordia, vel admirabilior clementia, nec per aliud Deo accedere potes, quam ut salutem conferas hominibus, vel dando si eguerint, vel parcendo si deliquerint, vel indulgendo si supplicaverint.

Hermannus Lersnerus D. Universitatis Marpurgensis Vicecancellarius Juriscons. professor scribebat. 8. Augusti Anno 1595.

In fide, spe, & patientia,
Fortitudo, quies, & victoria.

Juste, & Candidè:
Cætera Deo committe.

G. Obrechtus Jc. scripsit
5. Septemb. Aº christi 1597
Argentor.

Psalmo 119

Quomodo corriget adolescens viam suam?
Custodiendo mandata Dni.

Paulus.

Vive diu sed vive Deo: nam vivere mundo
Mortis opus: viva est vivere vita Deo.

Nobilissimo et Ornatissimo adolescenti
Georgio Riedesel in Eisenbach Convictori,
et suo domestico jam abiturienti in sui me-
moriam scripsi haec Johannes Winckel-
man S. theologiae Doctor et professor
atque pro tempore Academiae Marpur-
gensis Rector 8 Augusti anno
a nato Salvatore nostro unico 1595.

Isocrates in oratione ad Demonicum.

Vitare compotationes consultissimum erit fuerit.
Sed si quando te interesse contigerit, surgito ante
ebrietatem. Cum enim vino mens corrupta fuerit,
accidit, idem ei quod curribus fieri, e quibus au-
rigae sunt excussi. Nam ut hi temere feruntur,
carentes gubernatoribus: sic animus in multa
delicta impellitur mente subversa.

Δός τι καὶ λάβε τι.

Petrus Nigidius Juris Doctor, ac moralis
philosophiae in academia Marpurgensi
~~[illegible]~~ professor ordinarius 8 Augusti
anno 1595 Marpurgi propria manu
exaravit

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Petrus Nigidius Juris utriusque Doctor, ac in ... [illegible]
philosophiae in academia [illegible]
academiae professor ordinarius 8 Augusti
anno 1595 Manu propria [illegible]
[illegible]

Claudian.

Non tibi quid liceat, sed quid fecisse decebit
Occurrat, mentemque domet respectus honesti.

Psalm. 25.

O Schlecht vnd gerecht das behüet mich, dan Ich
harre dein.

David Magirus D. scri-
psi Tubingae 21 Martij
Anno sal. 1593.

Φέρε καὶ φέρου.

Fidens, non confidens:

Inter spinas calceatus.

Nicolaus Reusnerus D.

Comes Palatinus Caes.

Jenae XIII. Martij

MDXCVI.

Totius injustitiae nulla capitalior pestis est quam eorum qui tum cum maxime fallunt, id tamen agunt ut viri boni esse videantur.

Liberius Hofman D.

1. Timoth. 2. 4.

Salvator noster Deus, omnes homines, vult, salvos fieri, & ad agnitionem veritatis venire.

Quomodo idio[illegible] gra Deo suo exaravit pieme D. Ambrosius Reudenius pro tempore facultatis theologicae Decanus 23. Decembris, Anno [illegible] 1596.

Imperator Romanus neque armis, neque militibus, neque bellicis machinis, neque suo ingenio, sed soli Deo confidat. Li. XVI. neque armis C. d. VIII. lur. Emil.

(ipse)
si Deus a nostris semper stat partibus
Nil poterit mundus, tartareusque furor.

Jacobus Wolson. L. G.
professor inclytae Salanae. in memoriam ergo scripsi generoso e nobili Georgio Ruedesolo. 12 Martii Anno. 1596

Leo Episcopus Romanus,
antequam vel sederet
ὁ ἀρχιερεύς. Sermone 18, De passione
Domini.

Nisi Verbi divinitas naturam humanam
in unitatem personae assumpsisset, nec
Regeneratio esset in aqua baptismatis,
nec Redemptio in sanguine passionis.

Theodorus Beza
Scribebam Genevae, 22.
Junii, anno ultimi temporis
1598, intra biduum, si Deus
volet, annum huius curriculi
octogesimum ingressurus.

Optimū solatium senectutis, bene acta iuuentus neq; ὠλεσίκαρπος.

IAC. LECTIVS IC. nobilissimo Domino D. GEORGIO RIEDESEL bene precatus, atq; honoris caussâ scripsi L. M. Gen. Allob. A.D. CIƆ IƆ XCVIII.

Facessit illicò umbratilis felicitas.

Dominus mecum: quid faci:
at mihi homo?

Hermannus Vultejus I.V.
Doctor et Professor Mar-
purgi scribebat VIII
Augusti, Anno Dni
M D XCV.

Legum ideo servi sumus, ut liberi esse possimus.

Philip. Matthaeus D. amoris ergò scribebat Mar-purgi 8. Augusti anno Christi 1595.

Patriae natus quam sui
populus aetatis suae cogitat.

Dionysius Gotofredus JC
scripsit Argentorati
26 Augusti 1597

VIRGILIUS

Nulla salus bello, pacem te poscimus omnes.

Joannes Ludouicus
Hawenreuterus. D.
Scribebat Argentorati
XXXI. Augusti. Anno
CHRI. CIↄ Iↄ XCVII.

Genesis 22.

DEUS PROVIDEBIT.

Semper adest fidis
Provida cura Dei.

Johannes Ferinarius
Professor in Academia
Marpurgensi scripsit
An. Christi 1545,
mense Aug.

Baldus.

Nobilitas oculi non uno nascitur ictu
Illa per innumeros continuatur avos.

Γηράσκω δ' αἰεὶ πολλὰ διδασκόμενος.

Ex praecipua Hassiae nobilitate prognato et doctrinae singularisque virtutis ornamentis maxime conspicuo adolescenti D. Georgio Ridesclio in Eisenbach domino suo suspiciendo in perpetuae observantiae testimonium scribebat Jenae 23 Junij Anno XCVI Otto Melander Juris Utriusque et Philosophiae Doctor manu propria

Melius est agere pauca cautè,
quam multa et periculosè.

Joan. Calvinus
Georgio à Rudisel
nobiliss° Hesso obs.
cū reliq. 20 Ju. 48.
Geneva

WITH AUTOGRAPHS OF HENRI ESTIENNE AND THEODORE BEZA

LIBER AMICORUM. The Liber Amicorum of Georg Riedesell Baron of Eisenbach. Tübingen, Jena, Strassburg, Marburg, and Geneva, 1593-98. Manuscript on paper, small 4to (170 x 128 mm.), 86 leaves, containing 46 signatures, each accompanied by sententiae, of noted humanists, theologians, lawyers, physicians, and poets. Title-page consisting of the illuminated Riedesell arms, flanked by a scholar and a soldier painted in gouache of several colors; scrollwork bearing elegiac Latin verses above, signed Jac: M.N.C., and ownership below of the brothers Volpert, Hermann, and Georg Riedesell (the first two cancelled), dated January 1593. Original blindtooled panelled brown morocco with fleur-de-lis and floral corner-stamps and central arabesque ornaments; remains of green silk ties, edges gilt.

An extraordinary sixteenth-century autograph album of the greatest historical interest, in which are recorded the hands of 46 literary, political, medical, and scholarly figures of the Reformation and late Renaissance. Outstanding among these are Theodore Beza (1519-1605), French Reformer, successor of Calvin in Geneva, Henri Estienne II (1531-1598), the eminent printer and humanist, Michael Maestlin (1550-1631), professor of mathematics at Tübingen, who secretly taught Johann Kepler the Copernican system and maintained a life-long friendship with his famous pupil, Jacob Heerbrand (1521-1600), professor of theology at Tübingen, studied under Luther at Wittenberg, author of the Compendium theologiae, one of the most important summaries of Lutheran church doctrine, and of many other important treatises (cf. STC German 386-87), Denys Godefroy (1549-1622), perhaps the greatest jurist of the sixteenth century, whose edition of the Justinian Code remained authoritative for two centuries (see Haag V, 283-88), Otto Melander (1571-1640), editor of the popular collection of Jocoseria (Goedeke 2, 129, no. 33), Bernardus Praetorius (1567-1616), poet laureate at Heidelberg, who has inscribed an original 15-line Latin poem in hendecasyllabics, Jacques Lect (1560-1611), famed jurisconsult, scholar and poet of Geneva, friend of Beza, Martin Crusius (1526-1607), famed Hellenist at Tübingen (cf. Sandys II, 270), who joins a lengthy inscription in Greek to his signature Stephan Gerlach (1546-1612), theologian, chancellor and provost at Tübingen, nephew of the infamous Dr. Faust, et al. (complete list of entries below).

The album was assembled by three brothers of a noble family, Volpert, Hermann, and Georg Riedesell of Eisenbach while they studied at Tübingen. Eventually the book passed into the hands of Georg alone who continued to collect autographs at Jena, Marburg, Strassburg, and Geneva. Unlike the common practice of the time, reflected in the vast majority of extant books of this kind, the brothers did not collect the names of their schoolmates, relatives, and acquaintances, but quite deliberately sought only those of men who had attained intellectual distinction. They have thus preserved for us a unique and invaluable historical document consisting of the handwritings of the great men who were most perfectly representative of their age.

Each autograph is followed by the place and date of inscription and, with few exceptions, the position held by the signatory. Each entry also contains an autograph sententia, usually in Latin, with a few examples in Greek also (e.g., Henri Estienne, Martin Crusius); the entry by Georg Weiganmeir, the Orientalist of Tübingen, contains examples in Hebrew, Syriac, Arabic, Aethiopic, and Aramaic.

1. Johannes Hoehman, doctor of law at rector at Tübingen.
2. Jacob Heerbrand (1521-1600, see above).
3. Stephan Gerlach (1546-1612, see above).
4. Matthias Hafenreffer (1561-1619), Lutheran theologian at Tübingen, teacher and friend of Johann Kepler.
5. Johannes Georgius Sigwart (1554-1618), theologian and rector at Tübingen.
6. Nicolaus Varnbüler (or Warnbüler, 1519-1604), professor of law at Tübingen.
7. Andreas Laubmarius, professor of law at Tübingen.
8. Matthias Enzlin (1556-1613), professor of law at Tübingen.
9. Johannes Halbritter (1560-1627), professor of law at Tübingen.
10. Johann Harpprecht (1560-1639), professor of law and rector at Tübingen.
11. Georg Weiganmeir (1555-1599), Orientalist at Tübingen.
12. Rodolphus Goclenius (1547-1628), poet and professor of logic at Marburg (see Oxford Companion to German Literature, 287).
13. Andreas Osiander (1562-1617), orator to the Duke of Württemberg and chancellor at Tübingen.
14. Georg Hamberger, professor of medicine at Tübingen.
15. Andreas Planer (1546-1606), professor of medicine at Tübingen, author of several medical treatises (see Durling 3673-79).
16. Daniel Mögling (1546-1596), professor of medicine at Tübingen (see Durling 3201-05).
17. Georg Liebler (1524-1600), professor of natural philosophy at Tübingen (see Durling 2819).
18. Martin Crusius (1526-1607), famed Hellenist (see above).
19. Georg Burckhard (1539-1607), professor and librarian at Tübingen.
20. Michael Maestlin (1550-1631), the great teacher of Kepler (see above).
21. Johann Stromer (?), professor of law at Jena.
22. Erhard Cellius (1546-1606), professor of poetry and history at Tübingen, author of the Imagines professorum (see STC German 189).
23. Henri Estienne (1531-1598), the great printer and humanist; his sententia is given both in Greek and Latin, signed and dated from Strassburg, 7 May 1593.

24. Bernardus Praetorius (1567-1616), poet laureate of Heidelberg, who has inscribed an original 15-line Latin poem in hendecasyllabics (Goedeke 2, 113, no. 188).

25. Melchior Junius (1545-1604), professor of rhetoric and rector at Strassburg (see M.U. Chrisman, Lay Culture, Learned Culture: Books and Social Change in Strasbourg, 250-53).

26. Johannes Pappus (1549-1610), Lutheran theologian at Strassburg, engaged in a famous controversy with Johann Sturm (see Chrisman, op. cit., 25-26, 233-34, 237-41, 250-54).

27. Philipp Marbach (1550-1611), Lutheran theologian at Strassburg.

28. Georgius Mylius (Müller, 1548-1607), professor of theology at Wittenberg, Tübingen, and Jena.

29. Hermann Lersner (1534-1613), professor of law and vice-chancellor at Marburg.

30. Georg Obrecht (1547-1612), renowned jurisconsult at Strassburg (see Chrisman, 259).

31. Johannes Winckelmann (1551-1626), professor of theology at Marburg.

32. Petrus Nigidius, doctor of law and moral philosophy at Marburg.

33. David Magirus (1565-1636), professor of law at Tübingen.

34. Nicolaus Reusner (1545-1602), German poet and jurist (see STC German 733-34).

35. Liborius Hofman (died 1599), professor of law at Jena.

36. Ambrosius Reudenius (1543-1615), dean of the faculty of theology at Jena.

37. Jacob Welsen (died 1609), professor of law at Jena.

38. Theodore Beza (1519-1605), French reformer, successor of Calvin at Geneva; his sententia consists of a five-line quote from Leo the Great.

39. Jacques Lect (1560-1611), jurisconsult, scholar and poet of Geneva, friend of Beza.

40. Hermann Vulteius (1555-1634), noted jurist at Marburg.

41. Philipp Matthaeus (1554-1603), jurist at Marburg.

42. Denys Godefroy (1549-1622), one of the greatest jurists of the sixteenth century; his edition of the Justinian Code remained the definitive text for two centuries (see Sandys II, 193-94, Haag V, 283-88).

43. Johann Ludwig Hawenreuter (1548-1618), professor of medicine at Strassburg (see Durling 2260).

44. Joannes Ferinarius (1534-1602), professor of theology at Marburg, son-in-law of Caspar Cruciger (see STC German 301).

45. Otto Melander (1571-1640), poet and doctor of law, editor of the popular collection of Jocoseria (Goedeke 2, 129, no. 33).

46. Joannes Paludius of Geneva, friend of Theodore Beza.